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Letter dated 15 August 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached letter, dated 22 July 2016, from the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg (see annex), which transmits the report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 April to 30 June 2016.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach herewith a report on the Kosovo Force operations covering the period from 1 April to 30 June 2016 (see enclosure). I would appreciate your making the present report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jens **Stoltenberg**

Enclosure

Report to the United Nations on Kosovo Force operations

1. The present report is provided in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 2016.

2. As at 30 June 2016, the total number of Kosovo Force (KFOR) troops in theatre remained approximately 4,600.

3. There were no major security incidents during the reporting period.

Security situation and operations

4. The security situation in Kosovo remained stable during the reporting period, with no major security incidents. The implementation of the European Union-facilitated First Agreement of Principles governing the Normalization of Relations reached by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013 continues to have a positive impact on the security situation and freedom of movement remains unimpeded Kosovo-wide.

5. During the reporting period, KFOR conducted normal framework operations across the area of operations. KFOR continued to monitor the situation and units conducted situational awareness patrols. KFOR continued to work in close coordination with the Kosovo Police and the European Rule of Law Mission (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention if required. However, there was no requirement for direct intervention by KFOR as third responder.

6. The main event for KFOR during the reporting period was an exercise involving multiple KFOR units, EULEX and the Kosovo Police, focused on refining procedures for managing civil disturbance scenarios.

7. The KFOR mission to contribute to a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.

Summary

8. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to contribute to maintaining both a safe and secure environment and ensuring freedom of movement in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo Police. The close coordination on the ground between KFOR (in its capacity as third responder), EULEX (in its capacity as second responder) and the Kosovo Police (in its capacity as first responder) continued to be highly effective.